

## SMITH BILL FOR DAM IS PASSED

Charleston Site Will Receive Expenditure of \$1,000 in the Conduct of Examination of Favored Locality

Last week a dispatch came from Washington to the effect that Senator Mark Smith had introduced a bill into the United States senate making an appropriation of \$1,000 to be used by the government reclamation service in examining into the feasibility of building a storage reservoir at Charleston on the San Pedro river. Concerning this irrigation project the Benson Signal says:

A message received in Benson yesterday from Congressman Carl Hayden states that the bill passed and the amount appropriated.

The site of the Charleston project is a natural reservoir in every way even a natural spillway to the west. It is located about 38 miles south of Benson, near Fairbanks, and also near the old mill town of Charleston, now evacuated. All that would be required would be to make a granite dam across the river about 200 feet at the top and 1200 feet high. This would store water from the San Pedro river for use in the dry season and would also catch a tremendous lot of flood waters.

Editor Wm. Schardin of the old Benson Press agitated the matter a few years ago. Since that time it has been taken up by a number of Benson business men.

A corps of government engineers was in this vicinity for three years, measuring the water and making surveys. The report was exceedingly favorable to the building of the dam. It was estimated that the removal of the railroad from the site, buying up a prospect hole now on the site, purchasing the amount of land necessary and the building of the dam would cost considerable less than a million dollars.

The amount of irrigable land coming under the system was estimated to be 15,000 acres. This would cover all the San Pedro valley from the location of the dam to Benson and twelve miles north of Benson.

The building of this dam is feasible in every way and it is only a matter of time until it is constructed. It will

convert the San Pedro valley into a veritable garden of paradise. The main canals will follow the foothills on both sides of the river and will irrigate every acre of irrigable land in the valley for a distance of over 50 miles.

## PHOENIX PREPARES FOR ARIZONA DAY

Interesting Program for Celebration of State's Admission February Fourteenth

PHOENIX, Feb. 9.—Phoenix is making elaborate preparations for the observance of Admission day, Feb. 14. There will be the usual speechmaking, music and other interesting events, and the new rifle range of the National Guard, east of the city, will be dedicated.

Several prominent citizens will deliver addresses at the city hall plaza in the afternoon. The mayor of Phoenix will introduce W. P. Geary, chairman of the corporation commission; Lewis T. Carpenter, collector of internal revenue; and State Senator A. A. Worsley. The Indian school band will play.

At the same place former Governor Joseph H. Kibbey will preside over an evening gathering. The addresses will be made by Governor George Hunt, Judge Charles B. Ward of Phoenix and Judge Fred Sutter of Bisbee. Adjutant General Charles W. Harris has ordered the Arizona First Regiment band to provide the music for this occasion.

Special marshals have been appointed to handle the details. Adjutant General Charles W. Harris will personally assume charge of the evening celebration and Major E. P. Grinstead will direct the proceedings in the afternoon.

The city will be gaily decorated in time for the Grand Lodge of Arizona, Masons, which starts February 10 and lasts four days. The railroads have been asked to make special rates for admission day.

For first time in nearly half a century, city of New York is to obtain more than 2% interest on millions of dollars it keeps in banking institutions. Of 109 institutions designated as city depositories, 22 have agreed to pay 3%, 31 to pay 2½% and one 4-1/2%. It is likely that \$27,500 of the \$60,000,000 which city has in cash will return 2½% interest or better.

## Paris Plans To Meet Papal Ban Against Tango

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 9.—Defenders of the tango are planning a rally in Paris to return the fire of adjectives with which they have been denounced. The occasion will be the annual meeting of the annual meeting of the International Academy of Dancing Masters, which has been called for April 1 to 13, and the return fire will be in the form of polite resolutions of protest. It is unsuccessful fifth this measure to induce the Catholic Church to remove the official bans on the new dances, the Academy proposes to compromise by inventing a new dance based on the tango movement, to which no exception could possibly be taken, and to call it the "True Tango."

There is no evidence that the clergy will be moved with or by any resolutions of the dancing masters, or accept any compromise based on the Tango movement.

The pastoral letter of Cardinal Basilio Pompili, vicar-general of Rome, has been taken in many quarters as a straightaway papal ban, and the emphatic way in which Cardinal Amette, the Archbishop of Paris has characterized the new dance as a sin, has left little room for compromise along the line of any of the "wiggly dances." The result of the stand taken by the Church has been viewed so seriously by the dancing masters that test suits for damages against some of the clergy are pending, and if successful they doubtless would be followed by many such cases.

The stand which the Academy is taking in defense of the present craze will be amusing to those of good memory who recall that three years ago this same organization set its stamp of disapproval on the whole lot of imported dances by characterizing them as "epileptic evolutions hostile to society." But times have changed and the dancing master who doesn't Tango has no place in Paris today.

In furtherance of the plan to send commercial students from France to the United States, Albert Legrand, president of the Friendly Association of Former Students of the School of Higher Commercial Studies, is in communication with resident A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University seeking his endorsement of the

scheme. United States Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, President Echoninger of the American chamber of commerce, James Hazen Hyde, and other Americans, as well as French business men believe that the interchange of ideas which would follow the visits of the students would facilitate trade between the two countries.

The School of Higher Commercial Studies was founded thirty years ago by the Chamber of Commerce of Paris which realized the necessity of higher commercial education. It has about 200 students. Those attaining a certain percentage in studies receive a diploma signed by the Minister of Commerce and Industry. The admission requirements are stringent. Each graduate is given a number at graduation to indicate the rank in his studies. It is planned to select as the first exchange student the one having the lowest number. He will be provided with sufficient funds for a stay in the United States of about a year. It is proposed that he attend the last year's classes of the three year commercial course which is now being taught in Harvard, making frequent reports to the commercial school here. If the experiment is a success efforts will be made to increase the number of exchange students.

The conception of an international city beautiful which has been drawn by Hendrick C. Anderson of Newport, R. I., is bringing forth many articles, letters and public addresses in France in support of such a scheme. President Poincaré has declared in sympathetic support of his ideals; the Prince of Monaco has declared that the plans embody aspirations which he himself has had for thirty years, and Leon Bourgeois has similarly said: "What Mr. Anderson is doing is really making a framework for my own ideals."

Among others who have given support to the project are: M. Dabost, the president of the Senate; M. Danchel, the president of the Chamber of Deputies; Dr. Charles Richet, a recent winner of the Nobel prize; Baron de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic games; M. Darboux, of the Academy of Sciences, and M. Roujon, of the Academy of Fine Arts.

## OH! SUCH FUN AT PLAYGROUNDS

Well Worth the Time of Grown-Ups to Watch Little Ones at Central School

It is indeed a great treat to stop at the Central School playgrounds for a while and watch the children play. There are every afternoon, after school hours, at least 200 assembled, their ages ranging from four to sixteen years. Especially on Saturdays are the grounds crowded.

There have been a few minor accidents on the grounds since their installation, but no serious ones. Two of the worst have been the breaking of one boy's arm and another boy was hit on the head by a swing. The small accidents that have so far occurred have not in any way deterred the little tots from trying stunts on the different apparatus that a grown person would seem almost impossible.

Not only do the play grounds furnish amusement for the children and keep them out of mischief, they also tend to make them a great deal better physically. One citizen stated yesterday that his son had been in rather poor health for the past few months and had never wanted to get out with other children to any extent. Since the installation of the play ground this youngster has grown quite rugged in health and it has been hard work for the parents to keep him away from the play grounds at night.

It would be a great surprise to many of the grown-ups to see some of the many stunts that their children do on the swings, larks, slides and other paraphernalia of the grounds. The boys especially are becoming proficient in pulling off these stunts. It is their earnest desire, it seems, to excel each other in prowess and it will do one good to stop by the grounds and watch them for a while.

### MANNING IS ARRESTED

Husband of Murdered Woman and His Sister Are Held

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 9.—Charging concealment of the crime of Hazel Herdman, the velle woman, who shot and killed Mrs. Harriet Manning, the police arrested today, Charles A. Manning, husband of the murdered woman and Sadie E. Garabrant, Manning's sister. After an examination lasting five hours, Manning and Mrs. Garabrant were held under \$5,000 bail. While under the examination of the police, Manning begged permission to attend the funeral of his wife, but it was refused. Hazel Herdman, who after the shooting of Mrs. Manning, committed suicide by taking poison, was also buried today. Mrs. Garabrant procured bail.



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## GOETHALS SUSPENDS BURKE

PANAMA, Feb. 9.—Complete reorganization of the subsistence and commissary department of the canal zone, with Captain Frank O. Whitlock, U. S. Cavalry, in charge, was begun today after Col. Goethals suspended John Burke, manager of the commissary department and W. P. Shipley, chief clerk of the same department, and relieved on his own request, Lieut. Col. Eugene T. Wilson, chief of the subsistence department. Both departments will be placed on a permanent basis immediately and as a result many clerks will be dismissed.

## COLUMBIAN PRESIDENT

BOGOTA, Columbia, Feb. 9.—Dr. Jose Vinasquez Concha, candidate of the Conservative party was elected president of Columbia. Dr. Concha was minister of war in 1909 and one year later was minister to Washington. He disapproved the Panama treaty and retired, as minister, in 1903. The elections, which were held Sunday, passed off quietly. Concha opposed Dr. Nicholas Esquerria, the nominee of the Republican party. The Liberals, several weeks ago, withdrew their candidate, Gen. Rafael Uribe.

## COMISKY IS STRICKEN

President of Chicago Team Has Serious Attack While Traveling

ROME, Feb. 9.—Charles A. Comisky, president of the Chicago club of the American League, became seriously ill today on the train from Naples to Rome. Dr. John E. Jones, the American consul at Genoa, who was traveling on the same train, from an inspection of the consul at Naples found Comisky suffering from an acute attack of indigestion, with marked cardiac symptoms. He remained beside the Chicagoan until Rome was reached, when he was removed to a hotel. Late tonight Comisky is reported improved and resting comfortably.

## ALASKA COAL LEASES

Bill is Introduced to Thus Open Up Lands

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A plan to open coal lands in Alaska, through the leasing system is proposed in a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Ferris of Oklahoma. The measure would allow the Secretary of Interior to lease, for private development, government coal lands in Alaska blocks of 40 acres. No single developer would be allowed to take up more than 2500 acres and no claims aggregating more than that amount could be combined under a penalty of forfeiture.

## SENSATIONAL ADMISION

Young Frenchman, Murderer of Woman, Belongs to Prominent Family

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 9.—Avenard Nyayit, slayer of Marie Prandin, a woman of the underworld, when sentenced today to life imprisonment in San Quentin told the court that he was a son of Vice Admiral Nyayit, of the French army. His brother, William, he said, is captain of the guard in Paris. Until his father discovered his relations with the Prandin woman, he sent him a remittance of \$450 per month. Afterwards he worked as a cook.

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